

## House Resolution No. 1375

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven to be exceptional citizens in their local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Thomas Eugene “Gene” Cravens of Mansfield will be the guest of honor at a gathering of his family members, friends, colleagues, and other well-wishers on April 23, 2004, at the Community Center; and

**Whereas**, the son of Samuel and Ola Cravens, Gene Cravens attended Durbin Rural Grade School and Hartville High School before beginning his collegiate studies at the University of Missouri, an educational endeavor which was interrupted by his service in the United States Navy during World War II; and

**Whereas**, Gene Cravens returned to the University of Missouri campus to earn a degree before accepting the position of vocational agriculture instructor at Mountain Grove High School; and

**Whereas**, after meeting and marrying his beloved Helen Rader, Gene Cravens took on such other interests in life as a dairy and livestock farm, local sports and school activities, and community affairs in Mountain Grove and, after 1955, his newly-adopted hometown of Mansfield; and

**Whereas**, Gene Cravens welcomed into his family a son, Gary, and a daughter, Carol, whom he supported through his endeavors in retail and insurance businesses and as a teacher; and

**Whereas**, Gene Cravens has actively participated in the Mansfield community as a member of the School Board, Lions Club, Wright County Farm Bureau, Missouri Agriculture Teachers Extension, and MFA; as a supporter of youth sports programs; and as an enthusiastic promoter of Butter Day and Laura Ingalls Wilder Day;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive life enjoyed by Gene Cravens and to convey to him this legislative body’s most heartfelt commendation of his diverse educational, agricultural, and leadership endeavors down through the years and our best wishes for many more years of personal and professional success to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Gene Cravens of Mansfield, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Van Kelly  
District No. 144

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1375, adopted March 31, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker